

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Schmidt on 7/22/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 6-11, 18-20 and 25.

Claim 2, line 2, after "comprises", insert -- a covalently bound --.

Claim 12, line 1, after "measuring", insert -- a covalently bound --.

Claim 13, line 2, after "recognizing", insert -- the covalently bound --.

Claim 16, line 2, change "an" to -- a covalently bound --.

Claim 17, line 1, after "wherein the", insert -- covalently bound --.

Claim 22, line 1, after "recognizing", insert -- the covalently bound --.

Claim 22, line 3, after "recognizing", insert -- a covalently bound --.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JACOB CHEU whose telephone number is (571)272-0814. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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